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1. Recalling the historic role of the Helsinki Final Act signed in 1975, which contains key commitments on politico-military, economic and human rights issues and which established fundamental principles governing the behaviour of States towards their citizens and towards each other,
2. Recalling the Charter of Paris for a New Europe adopted in 1990, which led to its acquiring permanent institutions and operational capabilities, including the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE,
3. Reconfirming the Organization's comprehensive approach to security based on trust and transparency in the politico-military field, committed to by the participating States, and confirmed by the OSCE Istanbul Summit in 1999 and the Astana Summit in 2010,
4. Welcoming the Declaration on furthering the Helsinki +40 process adopted at the Ministerial Council in December 2013 in Kyiv which reaffirmed the efforts by all participating States to provide a strong and continuous political impetus to advancing the work towards realizing the vision of a security community and reaffirmed the commitment by all participating States to the concept of comprehensive, co-operative, equal and indivisible security,
5. Referring to the ongoing negotiations to update and modernize the Vienna Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in order to increase openness and transparency in view of the next Annual Implementation Discussion to take place in July 2014, and the resolutions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE underlining the need to proceed with this work,
6. Expressing concern about the situation in Ukraine and Crimea, emphasizing the role of the OSCE in engaging all parties in a constructive dialogue, monitoring and supporting the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments on the ground, preventing further escalation of the crisis and promoting a diplomatic process towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

7. Stresses the importance of adapting the arrangements for conventional arms control to today's politico-military reality, building upon the existing foundation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, the Open Skies Treaty and the Vienna Document as well as the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security;
8. Calls for strong commitment to the Vienna Document, adopted in 1990 and updated several times, being one of the most important politically binding documents of the politico-military dimension of OSCE, building upon the 1975 Helsinki Final Act's provisions for early notification of military exercises that involve a certain number of military personnel;

9. Expresses its support for the next Annual Implementation Discussion on updating and modernizing the Vienna Document on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures to take place in July 2014 with a view to increasing predictability, openness and transparency in the exchange of information annually on their armed forces concerning the military organisation by increasing opportunities for verification activity, strengthening risk reduction mechanisms, and enlarging the scope of confidence and security-building measures;
10. Recalls the need to consider the more than 20 VD Plus proposals when updating the Vienna Document, covering the expansion of information exchange on military matters, the notification for military exercises, maritime arms control procedures, monitoring of rapid deployment forces and large force transfers, and the improvement of the effectiveness of inspections and evaluation visits;
11. Encourages bilateral agreements in the spirit of the Vienna Document which promote confidence-building measures;
12. Reiterates the importance of strong and effective parliamentary oversight of military forces as the fundamental basis for democratic control of armed forces that should be based on the principles of constitutionality, legality and accountability;
13. Encourages participating States to adopt an appropriate legislative basis for the democratic control of the armed forces based on the principles of constitutionality, legality and accountability;
14. Stresses the need to balance between new threats, like cyber warfare and terrorism, and the prospect of conventional military operations, when updating and finding new substance to the Vienna Document, noting that since the adoption of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, the number of Treaty-Limited Equipment has been reduced by more than 110,000 units, indicating the importance of traditional arms control mechanisms;
15. Calls for a comprehensive assessment of cyber threats and their prevention, future co-ordination with European Union's cyber security strategy, and the creation of a reporting and classification system to counter cyber warfare;
16. Acknowledges the need to take into account the development of technology and tactics when updating the current treaties, reflecting the increasing emphasis on brigade-level operations and the need for a comprehensive assessment of military capabilities and developing indicators that focus on quality and performance instead of just quantity;
17. Calls for new measures limiting the illegal trade of small arms, which is prevalent in all conflict areas and contribute to numerous casualties each year, including civilians;
18. Calls for an updated assessment on whether current rules of warfare are up-to-date when taking into account new weapons systems that have been deployed in the past few years;
19. Acknowledges the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, and urges compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, which aims to increase equal participation of women and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security;
20. Acknowledges that the geopolitical situation in different parts of the OSCE area varies widely and that all actions by the OSCE with the goal of increasing security should accurately take into

account local conditions in order to find long-term solutions that can be agreed upon by all parties;

21. Acknowledges the role and participation of the local and regional authorities in post-conflict rehabilitation scenarios;
22. Welcomes the active engagement of the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship in the Ukrainian crisis and the deployment of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine as well as the activities of the OSCE executive structures and other relevant international actors operating in Ukraine with the aim of reducing tensions, fostering stability and promoting a national dialogue;
23. Underlines the respect of the principles of the inviolability of frontiers and the territorial integrity of participating States, as stated in the Helsinki Final Act;
24. Calls for a strong and more regulated legal framework for national referendums to avoid their misuse, taking into account national constitutions and relevant international standards;
25. Expresses its support for the ongoing process of peaceful integration in Europe, which includes co-operation in transnational organisations, increased freedom of movement for people and goods and deepening economic ties which will increase stability and security in the area;
26. Reaffirms the need to continue to work towards a solution to the crisis in Syria, where violence and human rights abuses continue amidst a humanitarian crisis, and strongly urges all parties to commit to a peaceful resolution of the crisis and the establishment of a truly democratic state where the rights and security of all ethnic groups are equally protected;
27. Welcomes the approaching 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act and the opportunity to strengthen the role of the OSCE in increasing security, openness and transparency and moving forward in the Helsinki +40 process;
28. Calls for the creation of a new system of arbitration within the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in order to enhance co-operation and to prevent situations where participating States have different interpretations of the meaning and details of current documents.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

on

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